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SUBJECT: STIKKER VISIT

CTION: Secretary-General Stikker, in three-day visit Washington  
OL-5 February 5-7, held meeting with President. Secretary and Under  
INFO: Secretary McNamara. Dillon, other key US officials quadripar-  
ES-5 tite Ambassadorial group and NATO Standing Group. Conversations  
CON-2 covered wide variety subjects, but dealt mainly with principal  
EF-7 purpose of visit. NATO nuclear questions. Full Memoranda of  
N conversations being prepared and will be pouched USRO.  
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1. NATO Nuclear Questions: Stikker was given fairly full  
rundown current US thinking and we believe has good appreciation  
US views. For his part, he expressed complete satisfaction with  
direction current US thinking. Stikker said positive US  
approach necessary to success of exercise and it is vitally  
necessary that exercise succeed. Stikker said that NAC, once  
having opened up this range of sensitive and difficult ques-  
tions, must pursue subject to successful conclusion.

Generally agreed that Stikker would proceed along  
course he has set for NATO discussions. First step would be:  
(A) US guarantees regarding maintenance nuclear weapons  
for defense of NATO and coverage of targets threatening NATO;  
and (B) US effort to provide more information to our allies  
on targeting and other nuclear matters, designed to reinforce  
European assurance that US prepared defend Europe. Also  
agreed that Stikker would further pursue efforts to increase  
conventional capability of alliance, using tactic of stressing  
specific actions required to bring about forward strategy.  
Political directive and strategic concept would be left aside  
and not at this time be opened, although US made clear view,  
that, after facts

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of overall strategic situation had been made clear and NATO discussions progressed further, might well be possible and desirable to change political directive. Political directive would, in effect, "rewrite itself". MRBM's also discussed and generally agreed that targets, both tactical and strategic, should be covered and that they must in some measure be covered by missiles in European area. Multilateral "Ottawa force" should be used for this purpose. US did not, however, agree MRBM requirements, as set forth in MC/26/4. //

2. Berlin: Various aspects Berlin problem discussed. Stikker stressed importance fullest possible consultation with alliance on discussions with Soviets, stressing that this necessary to insure alliance support for build-up and countermeasures. Agreed that Berlin situation remains dangerous and that continued efforts for military build-up essential.

4. NATO-Tripartite Berlin planning: Stikker discussed with quadripartite Ambassadorial Group some of problems be anticipated when this subject introduced in NAC (Separate message follows).

5. Aid to Greece and Turkey: Stikker laid special stress on importance adequate aid to Greece and Turkey from point of view of maintaining solidarity of alliance.

6. Discussion of Punta Del Este OAS meeting in NAC: Secretary proposed to Stikker early full NAC discussion recent OAS meeting Punta del Este, and possibility high level Department official presenting US views to NAC. (see separate message). US presentation, currently under preparation, will cover not only analysis of OAS meeting, but also possibility NATO countries aligning their policies with OAS system.

7. Balance of Payments Problems: Secretary Dillion gave Stikker fairly full but generalized account of recent arrangements worked out between US and Germans and stressed importance US endeavor obtain relief on balance of payments generally. Urged that US-German arrangements

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arrangements not be described to others at present in view German d  
desire avoid spreading information before further completion  
UK-German discussions same subject.

8. Soviet oil penetration: Stikker described at some length  
difficulties with Italians and compromise he is now working out  
with them. We informed Stikker his compromise appears satisfactory,  
provided reporting on Soviet oil is not delayed.

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